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TO : Chief, EC  
FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt  
SUBJECT: General - Operational/CALL  
Source - Wilhelm Bittrich

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following information was obtained from [redacted] on 5 December 1955:

1. Wilhelm Bittrich, currently residing in Muenzing/Sternberger See, is a former Waffen SS Obergruppenfuehrer and Panzer General. After the first World War, Bittrich joined the staff of Generaloberst Seeadt and served for some time with an air corps training unit in Russia. He was later on the operations staff of former Oberstgruppenfuehrer Sepp Dietrich. He was arrested shortly after the war, and was interned in a French jail until 1954.

2. Bittrich maintained contact with former General Heinz Guderian until the latter's death. He also maintains contact with former General Leo Geyr von Schwappenburg and Count Schwerin. In addition, he is in contact with a number of former Waffen SS officers and enlisted men. However, Bittrich is not a member of HAG (Hilfsgemeinschaft auf Gegenzeitigkeit fuer Angehoerige der ehem. Waffen SS).

3. Bittrich has not been in contact with Sepp Dietrich since the latter's release from jail. Dietrich is now living in the vicinity of Ludwigsburg/Wuerttemberg and is apparently making no effort to resume contact with his former associates.

4. Bittrich is currently in contact with Frings (fmu), a former Waffen SS officer who is now an SPD functionary in Rheinland-Pfalz. Frings (fmu) is a nephew of Cardinal Dr. Joseph Frings. Frings has informed Bittrich that HAG intends to publish a newspaper called "Der Freiwillige" in January 1956. Bittrich claims that he has asked Frings to remain in the SPD.

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5. In November 1955, Bittrich was visited by a U.S. Army Colonel (name unknown to source). This Colonel had supported Bittrich when the latter was tried in France at the end of the war. (The Colonel was a Captain at the time.) The Colonel stated that he had left the Army

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